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Applicant(s): Stewart

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Office Action of September 8, 2004, Applicant hereby elects prosecution of invention I as defined by claims 1-4, 19-22, 36 and 45. The remaining claims withdrawn without prejudice.

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Accordingly, review of this application is respectfully requested. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Lindsay G. McGuinness, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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